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SUB: BANQUE BELGE

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1. ALOO, CHIEF OF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIETE GENERALE DE BANQUE, HAS CALLED TO ASK ABOUT PROGRESS ON US/PRC FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS. WE RELATED TO HIM INFORMATION CONTAINED IN DEHENNIN/BEIGEL MEMCON OF JUNE 7, AND TOLD HIM WE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT.

2. ALOO SAID THAT DURING MEETING BETWEEN BANQUE BELGE LAWYERS AND TREASURY A SHORT TIME AGO, THE ATTORNEYS WERE ADVISED NOT TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION, SINCE AN "AGREEMENT" WAS EXPECTED TO BE REACHED SOON WITH THE CHINESE. ALOO SAID THAT ATTORNEYS HAD IMPRESSION "AGREEMENT" WOULD BE TO ADVANTAGE OF BANQUE BELGE. FOR THAT REASON, THE ATTORNEYS POSTPONED CONSIDERING LEGAL ACTION WHICH ALOO SAID WOULD BE TAKEN IF NECESSARY.

3. WE TOLD ALOO THAT WE WERE UNAWARE OF THE WASHINGTON
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MEETING, AND THAT WE HAD NO INFORMATION SUGGESTING THAT AN

ARRANGEMENT WITH THE CHINESE WOULD BE "ADVANTAGEOUS" FROM THE
VIEWPOINT OF RELEASING THE BLOCKED FUNDS TO BELGIUM.

4. ALLOO WAS NATURALLY MOST UNHAPPY TO LEARN THAT THE
ALLEGED IMPRESSION THE ATTORNEYS RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON
MIGHT BE UNTRUE. HE TOLD US HE WOULD BE FOLLOWING UP WITH
THE ATTORNEYS TO GET THE FACTS. BOOCHEVER

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